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Title: Need to check withdrawl of the trained volunteers SSB (CCF) from the North-Easter Region.

SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL (DIBRUGARH): Madam, I would like to associate myself with the matter raised by Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma.

SHRI SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY (KOKRAJHAR): Madam, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise a matter of serious public importance which pertains to the most urgent need of the Government of India's effective action plan to bring about a lasting solution to several lakhs of trained SSB volunteers of the whole country.[R69]

Madam Chairman, over the recent past few decades, around 50,000 of the SSB Volunteers (VVF) from the States of Assam, West Bengal and Sikkim were trained in various courses on Government expenses and thereafter they were put in regular exercise and in refresher courses as well as in different activities under various programmes of the Government. They were paid daily allowances, pocket allowances and travel allowances along with the Government uniforms. These trained SSB Volunteers have been rendering their laudable services in the matter of collecting information on political situation, public demand, infiltration, terrorism and the subversive activities of the anti-social as well as anti-national reactionary elements etc. through the civilian officers like CO, SAO and AP etc.

You also may be aware of the fact that during the Indo-Pak war in 1971, the SSB volunteers rendered a commendable service. In this regard, it is worthwhile to mention that in spite of the aforementioned genuine facts, very surprisingly, the concerned authorities of SSB have withdrawn the trained volunteers SSB (VVF) and their activities from the North-Eastern Region, whereas India's National Security in Indo-Bhutan as well as in Indo-Nepal borders is being watched and taken care of by the SSB organization.

I have come to know that the Government of India has decided to raise 20 numbers of new battalions of SSB during the current year 2008 and the process of recruitment of new constables and cadres is set in motion.

It is also worthwhile to mention that a sense of frustration and deprivation is looming large in the minds and hearts of the trained SSB volunteers on account of having been neglected and discriminated against during the course of recruitment of new personnel over the recent past couple of years.

MADAM CHAIRMAN : Please do not read from the paper.

SHRI SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY : Madam, Chairman, the manifold tragedies of the trained SSB Volunteers have been compounded to a great dimension since the fateful day when SSB organisation was taken over by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 2000 from the Union Cabinet Secretary.

MADAM CHAIRMAN : What is your demand?

SHRI SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY : I am extremely sorry to apprise you of the fact that in spite of having been given a good number of representations to the concerned authorities of the Union Government of India over the recent past few years, nothing tangible has been done so far in this regard, which has been a matter of serious concern and regret.

Madam Chairman, in view of the above, I would like to earnestly urge upon the Government of India, through you, to take appropriate steps to help accord due justice to the trained SSB volunteers by way of fulfilling the longstanding genuine demands raised by the Central Committee of the SSB Volunteers' Association, over the recent past couple of years for a long time.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Nothing will go on record now.

*(Interruptions) â€¦ **

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Shri Shishupal Patle.

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MADAM CHAIRMAN: You should not read the paper here. I have already told you to just say your demand in a few words.

Nothing will go on record. Please.

*(Interruptions) â€¦ **

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA (LAKHIMPUR): Madam Chairman, I would like to associate myself with Shri Bwiswmuthiary.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Your name will be associated.

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MADAM CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions) â€¦ **